

**MAKING YOUR VOICE MATTER:
YOUTH INPUT INTO LEGISLATIVE POLICY**
24th Annual Peer Leadership Conference

***** **AGENDA** *****

11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Saturday November 17th, 2007

Room 813, Willows Mansion, Atlantic Oaks by the Sea
Bar Harbor, Maine

- 11:15 a.m. Convene Workshop.**
Introductions from LYAC members; Review of workshop agenda.
- 11:20 a.m. How youth input can impact legislative decision-making.**
Brief explanation of LYAC's role in the Legislature; Review examples of how youth can provide input:
- Testify at public hearings for proposed legislation
 - Contact their Legislators about issues/concerns
 - Contact LYAC members about issues/concerns
 - Attend LYAC meetings to discuss issues/concerns
- 11:25 a.m. Recently passed legislation that effect Maine's youth.**
Examples of legislation proposed last session (2007) that effect Maine's Youth:
- An Act to Prohibit the Use of Electronic Devices by Minors While Driving (Enacted in 2007)
 - Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Encourage School Administrative Units to Encourage Secondary School Students to Apply to College (Enacted in 2007)
 - An Act to Establish Working Hours and Wages for Teenagers (Not Enacted, but expected to be re-introduced next year)
- 11:30 a.m. Getting Youth Input: Should schools have the authority to hold student's accountable for behavior outside of school?**
Brief background on how this issue came to LYAC and why it is important; Review of selected audience responses to Keynote question; Hear optional testimony from workshop participants; Group discussion.
- 12:10 p.m. Conclusion: What LYAC will do with youth input.**
Explanation of what LYAC will do with the input provided by conference participants; Review examples of what LYAC can do:
- Develop policy recommendations during meetings
 - Present recommendations as testimony at public hearings
 - Propose legislation in LYAC's report to the Legislature
 - Meet with bill sponsors to discuss youth concerns
- 12:15 p.m. Adjourn**

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